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## **CFC offers kids “Butterflies on the Prairie”**

BARRINGTON, IL - *July 21, 2017* - Children can learn about local butterflies at Citizens for Conservation’s August class “Butterflies on the Prairie.”

The program will be offered Saturday, August 5 from 1-3 p.m. and will include a presentation on butterflies and a nature hike to observe them. Participants will receive a milkweed plant to take home to attract monarch butterflies to their own back yards. The class is open to children ages 5-14; parents are also welcome to attend.

The class meets at Citizens for Conservation, 459 W. Hwy. 22, Barrington. CFC members are free; nonmember fee is \$5 per child. Parents are welcome to attend for free. Registration forms can be found at [www.citizensforconservation.org](http://www.citizensforconservation.org); for additional information, call CFC at (847) 382-7283.

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## **CFC's Fall Tree and Shrub Sale starts August 1**

BARRINGTON, IL - *July 21, 2017* - Online ordering for Citizens for Conservation's annual Fall Native Tree and Shrub Sale begins Tuesday, August 1.

Fall is a good time to plant trees and shrubs when roots can get established before winter's cold weather. Native trees and shrubs provide the best choices of woody plants because they absorb storm water, can survive our extreme temperatures, don't need fertilizer or insecticides and need watering only during the first year or two until they become established.

To order, go to [www.CitizensForConservation.org](http://www.CitizensForConservation.org) where there are plant descriptions, growing conditions and habitat benefits. Those who prefer a paper order form can download one from the website, request one by email at [cfc@citizensforconservation.org](mailto:cfc@citizensforconservation.org) or phone 847-382-7283.

Order deadline is September 1, and plant pickup is Saturday, Sept. 16 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at CFC. The sale is **by** preorder only; there will be no extra plants for sale on the pickup date.

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## **Fire up for fall at Ignite the Night**

BARRINGTON, IL - *July 22, 2017* - Ignite the Night is an autumn highlight for the whole family.

The event will feature live music, food, stargazing, flashlight walks for kids, a raffle, and horse-drawn wagon rides. The evening will be capped off by a spectacular bonfire. It will be held Saturday, September 30, at 5 p.m. at the Spring Creek Forest Preserve and the Barrington Hills Park District, 361 Bateman Road in Barrington Hills.

Dave Anderson and the I-Lights, with Henry Heine and Dana Underwood, will provide music; a cookout will feature wood-fired pizza, hot dogs, brats, salads and home-baked desserts as well as an open bar with beer, wine and soft drinks.

Members of the Spring Creek Stewards will narrate horse-drawn wagon rides, so that guests will learn about the native plants and land restoration as well as the area's native wildlife.

Local Barrington Hills residents and astronomers Tom and Edith Auchter will share their knowledge and telescopes, giving attendees a chance to view the night sky, stars and planets.

Tickets are \$50 for adults, \$25 for teens through age 20, and \$10 for children 12 and under. Online ordering will be available in mid-August through a link on the Citizens for Conservation website ([www.citizensforconservation.org](http://www.citizensforconservation.org)). If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities, call Ginger Underwood at [847-331-3568](tel:847-331-3568) or email [ttonkajo@yahoo.com](mailto:ttonkajo@yahoo.com). If you would like to donate a raffle item, call Jessica Underwood at [224-627-3730](tel:224-627-3730).

All proceeds from this event will go to Citizens for Conservation. Supporters of the event include the Barrington Hills Park District and the Cook County Forest Preserves.

*Caption: Activities at Ignite the Night on September 30 will include wagon rides and dancing under the stars as well as a chance for an up-close view of rescued raptors.*

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## **Volunteers needed for CFC summer workdays**

BARRINGTON, IL - *July 22, 2017* - Experienced and new volunteers of all ages are always welcome at Citizens for Conservation's volunteer workdays. Volunteers work on Thursdays and Saturdays from 9 - 11 a.m. Summer activities include cutting, digging or pulling non-native plants.

Meet at CFC's office, 459 W. Highway 22, Lake Barrington, across from Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital. Bring work gloves, wear sturdy shoes, bring water and dress for the weather.

For more information, call CFC at 847-382-SAVE (7283) or visit its website at [www.citizensforconservation.org](http://www.citizensforconservation.org).

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